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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hidekazu KOJIMA and Seiryo MISHIMA

Application No.: U.S. National Stage of PCT/JP99/00445

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Docket No.: 104651

For: OPTICAL FIBER OBSERVING IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 25 as follows:

Claim 25, line 2, change "any one of claims 1 to 24" to --claim 1--.

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 25 is amended to eliminate multiple dependency. Prompt and favorable examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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